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WILSON'S PRESIDENTIAL PROBLEMS GET BIGGER.

Editor's note: While GOP presidential candidates Bob Dole and Phil Gramm weren't getting the kind of press spin that makes them happy, poor CA Gov. Pete Wilson really had a tough time this past week. CALPEEK sees Wilson as having 6 major & growing problems. Here's our analysis...

...**Problem #1** - Wilson's undeclared presidential campaign. He was supposed to have announced in mid-May, but this throat surgery thing and his recuperation has taken much longer than expected. Given how *nervous* and *goosey* some contributors can get, this continued postponement due to health reasons has stalled his fundraising efforts. If he's not able to announce by mid June, Wilson could end up with a stillborn campaign...

...**Problem #2** - Wilson's long time campaign manager, George Gorton, isn't thrilled with the new campaign structure which has him reporting to Craig Fuller, Wilson's campaign chair. The Washington Post and Sacto BEE wrote stories saying Gorton quit the campaign. But sources close to Gorton say that's not correct. However, he did take off a few days to ponder his future and decided that he could live with the new setup, even though he's still not thrilled with it...

...**Problem #3** - Wilson's CA Job Rating Dips. For the first time since the election, Gov. Pete's job performance numbers have again dropped in the newest Field Poll taken May 16-22. Only 28% rate his performance as very good/good; 34% him as fair; and 37% rate his performance as poor/very poor. 1% had no opinion. Not very good news...

...**Problem #4** - Maidgate. We haven't heard the last of this embarrassment...

...**Problem #5** - *Out of State Blues*. In the Midwest,

GOP governors (Ohio, Michigan, Illinois & Wisconsin) are telling Pete to quit pushing electric cars made in CA that comply with CA's tough air pollution standards because it's hurting the sale of regular autos produced in those states. And in New Hampshire, Wilson's rivals continue to bash him over his old veto of a bill to make legal the Thompson Contender, a gun produced at the Thompson Arms Center in NH --- one of that State's larger employers. FYI: A recent Lamar Alexander poll in NH shows Wilson's name ID at 66%, with 31% favorable and 34% unfavorable...

...**Problem #6** - Dealing with CA Democrats. The governor's \$56 billion budget plan, with it's \$7.6 billion tax cut, faces a very *hostile reception* from Demos in the Legislature; and if the polling data is accurate, Wilson's initiative for dealing with Lt. Gov. Gray Davis(D) appears to be in trouble (the Davis camp calls Wilson's proposed measure *The Broken Promise Initiative*). This proposed initiative would require a special election if the governor resigned or died, as opposed to LG automatically succeeding the governor. Even the conservative CA Republican Assembly(CRA) is opposed to this idea. Stay tuned...

SPEAKERSHIP WARS: REFLECTIONS ON THE RECALL.

Editor's note: The recall of Paul Horcher has ended, but there are some political questions which need to be answered, such as, "Was the recall really necessary?" Here is CALPEEK's commentary & analysis...

...The recall never should have happened in the first place and would not have happened had Horcher not been on what CALPEEK calls, "*The Treated Like Dirt List*." It's a an unofficial list of current and past GOP assemblymembers who over the years were treated in a disrespectful manner by some of their colleagues in the GOP Assembly Caucus. Others on the list besides Horcher include current member Doris Allen of Orange Co.

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and past members Stan Statham, Tricia Hunter and Jean Moorehead-Duffy. The crap Moorehead-Duffy had to endure drove her into the waiting arms of the Demos and she switched parties...

...What did Horcher do to get on this hit list? Given the rather conservative nature of the GOP Caucus, pick any of the following political sins: he was *pro-choice*; he was an ally of the Consumer Attys. of CA; he was the *deciding voting* for Gov. Wilson's 1991 budget (which included that big tax hike); he voted for Bill Jones over Ross Johnson for GOP Assembly Leader in 1991; and in 1993 he *accepted* the vice chairmanship of the Assembly W&M Cmt., *contrary* to the wishes of the GOP Caucus (who wanted Speaker Willie Brown to appoint Dean Andal). In short, Horcher was a very independent-minded moderate who marched to his own tune and this infuriated conservatives. But should these "sins" be a reason to treat a colleague like dirt? To most reasonable people, the answer is NO...

...Was GOP Leader Jim Brulte the bad guy --- as Horcher claimed? NO. Sources say Brulte was not a Horcher-basher and in fact his efforts kept Horcher from being tossed out of the caucus, as some members wanted to do after Horcher accepted the W&M vice chair. And Brulte even spoke at a Horcher fundraising dinner a year *before* that fateful vote, when the former Diamond Bar councilman abandoned Brulte and cast a deciding vote for Brown for Speaker. And while Brulte is conservative, he's not a *right-wing extremist*, as Horcher tried to portray him...

...What should Horcher have done, given the nasty treatment he was subjected to? In '94 he campaigned as a Republican and he should have voted for Brulte, despite everything. And immediately after voting for Brulte, he then should have outlined his grievances and then should have announced his decision to re-register. Had he done this, there would have been no recall, because Brulte would have been elected Speaker --- and Horcher would have made his point in a rather dramatic way which would have received tons of news media attention. He would have been remembered in the history books as a politician of principle. Instead, he'll be a footnote - the 1st CA lawmaker to be recalled since 1914...

...FYI: In the Speakership Wars, GOP Assembly-

woman Doris Allen has now said that in addition to Brulte, neither Fred Aguilar nor Curt Pringle are acceptable to her as GOP Speakership candidates. Allen's *in your face* attitude has some GOP strategists very nervous. Interest in the Speakership post has increased dramatically in the past several days because Willie said that it will only take 40 votes to elect a new speaker. The Assembly has a 39-39 split as of now, but a new GOP member (Bob Margett) is expected to be elected in a June 6th special in the 59th A.D. Margett would be #40, but without Allen (and perhaps others), Brown could remain as the Speaker. Stay tuned...

L.A. CITY ELECTION: SUPPORT FOR \$171 MILLION POLICE FACILITIES BONDS IS VERY QUESTIONABLE.

Editor's note: With a week to go before the June 6th runoff election, CALPEEK sources just *aren't sure* if Prop. #1, a \$171 million bond measure to build 2 new police stations and other facilities, has the support to win a 2/3rds vote. Here is CALPEEK's update and analysis...

...The most current polling for the YES side (Citizens For A Safer L.A.) shows 52% are in favor, 18% are opposed and a rather large 30% are *undecided*. The poll for the YES side was conducted about 3 weeks ago by NY-based Global Strategies. The poll is encouraging, but the YES side needs another 15-pts. to win and in a low turnout election that may be easier said than done...

...One problem facing supporters are some terrible front-page headlines about L.A. Police Chief Willie Williams, who has been a key spokesperson for the YES side. Samples: L.A. Times --- *Panelists Find Williams Lied About Trips* and most recently *'I Am Not a Liar,' Chief Declares*. It's a stupid brouhaha over a Williams & wife trip to Las Vegas and whether or not he got some free rooms. Leaks to the press say the Police Commission zapped the chief for lying about the trip --- and Williams says he didn't lie. The impact of these stories isn't helping the YES side. However...

...The YES side has assembled a solid campaign team, with Skelton, Grover & Assoc. doing mail; Geoffrey Garfield handling daily management; and Susan Burnside supervising field operations. And there's money available (\$150,000) for a modest effort. Prop. #1 has been endorsed by the entire council, Mayor Richard

Riordan, United Firefighters of L.A., the L.A. Police Protective League and the Chamber of Commerce...

...There is no formal or well-funded opposition. What opposition there is comes from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn., S.F. Valley homeowner association leader Richard Close and perhaps former L.A. Police Chief Daryl Gates. What's the reason for opposing the bonds? Many think the city over-promised and did not deliver on a bond measure for police facilities approved by voters in 1989. However, unlike 1989, the 1995 wording spells out specific priorities, including new division buildings in mid-Wilshire and the Valley...

...FYI: The guy who gets the credit or blame for Prop. #1, depending on the outcome, is L.A. Councilman Richard Alarcon. It was Alarcon who pushed #1 for the June 6th ballot. Some sources are critical of Alarcon for rushing this bond measure, noting that if the city waited 9 months (until 3/26/96), there would have been a much larger turnout. Stay tuned...

SAN DIEGO '96 HOST COMMITTEE NAMES OFFICERS. San Diego Hosts Cmt. Chair Gerald Parsky has named 17 vice chairs to the 1996 GOP presidential nominating convention to be held in San Diego from Aug. 12-16 of next year. The vice chairs include businesswoman Katherine E. Boyd of Hillsborough; Irvine Co. Chair Don Bren; Malin Burnham, chair of Burnham Pacific Properties; Southwest Cable TV president Ann Burr of San Diego; Sacto business executive Ward Connerly; ARCO Chair Lod Cook; San Diego businessman Stephen Cushman; L.A. businessman Glen Holden; Irvine Co. Executive VP Gary Hunt; business executive Darrell Issa of San Diego; S.F. businessman Howard H. Leach; Pacific Holding Co. Chair David H. Murdock of L.A.; Burson Marsteller PR executive Ken Rietz of L.A.; Warner Bros. Chair/ceo Terry Semel; San Diego Chargers owner Alex Spanos; S.F. business executive Thomas W. Weisel; and movie producer Jerry Weintraub of L.A...

...FYI: Host Cmt. chair Parsky and executive director John M. Robbins Jr. named Frederick M. Bush as the Host Cmt.'s finance chair. Although he's not related to the former president, FMB was a fundraiser for George Bush. Juanita C. Hayes was named as a special assistant to the Host Cmt. chair. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: ADDING MORE NAMES TO THE MIX.

Editor's note: Here's another update on who's IN and who's OUT for House & Legislative races in 1996..

☒ **3rd S.D.** - In case you missed it, from the podium this past week, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown(D-S.F.) formally endorsed Assemblyman John Burton for the State senate seat now held by Milton Marks(D-S.F.). What this means is that Brown will either pull the plug on elective politics or --- as most insiders have long suspected --- announce that he will be a candidate for S.F. Mayor this November...

☒ **27th C.D.** - Rumors continue to circulate on the future political plans of U.S. Rep. Carlos Moorhead(R-Glendale). Sources think Moorhead will make a decision shortly. If he should pull the plug, sources say it will set off a round of political musical chairs. Already looking at the 27th on the Demo side is Screen Actors Guild Pres. Barry Gordon...

☒ **22nd C.D.** - Some Demos in the Santa Barbara area are trying to get State Sen. Jack O'Connell to just think about running against freshman U.S. Rep. Andrea Seastrand(R-San Luis Obispo) in '96, but it doesn't look as though O'Connell is interested. However, Walter Capps, the '94 Demo nominee, is interested in another try. He came very close in '94, losing to Seastrand by just 1,500 votes...

☒ **35th A.D.** - Will the Demos try to recapture the old O'Connell seat, now held by freshman GOP Assemblyman Brooks Firestone?? Perhaps. Looking at a possible run is Santa Barbara Co. counsel Kevin Ready (D), who in '94 ran against U.S. Rep. Elton Gallegly and got mashed. Regardless, insiders say Ready more closely fits with the district than did the '94 nominee, Mindy Lorez...

CALPEEK '96 CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS DIRECTORY
Once again CALPEEK will be producing the Directory of Campaign Consultants. This will be the 5th edition and we expect to begin work in early June. We'll be sending out questionnaires to consultants in the near future. Solicitation for advertising for this handy guide will follow. We'll go to press in late August or early September. We'll keep you posted...

CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

◆ **17th A.D. Recall Update** - A recall effort aimed at Central Valley Demo Mike Machado and led by GOP BoE member Dean Andal, GOP Assemblyman Larry Bowler of Sacto, with funding from GOP State Sen. Rob Hurtt of Orange Co., has turned in 17,731 signatures as of 5/17 and about 4,200 have been verified. The recall drive needs to collect 18,006 valid names by mid-July...

◆ **Card Club Madness** - Just when we thought the battle over a card club in Pomona had been put to rest, attorneys for Citizens for Pomona Revitalization filed a complaint with the clerk of the L.A. Superior Court over the way the April 18th election was handled. Backers of the card club are challenging Prop. B, which bans such clubs in Pomona. After a recount, #B was ahead by a mere 13 votes. Strumwasser & Woocher, who represent the pro-card club side, claim there were serious election irregularities. They hope a judge will order a new election...

◆ **36th C.D. Update** - Sources report that the CA Sec. of State's office has begun checking some 1,559 names on a list supplied by Susan Brooks(R), in her ongoing battle to either force a new election or have the GOP majority in U.S. House of Representatives unseat Demo U.S. Rep. Jane Harman. Brooks claims that these 1,559 people may have voted illegally in last November's election. The names also were supplied to Harman's legal team and to the House Oversight Ctm...

◆ **CDP Troubles** - Mark your calendars: June 9-11, the S.F. Airport Hilton, Burlingame, for the quarterly meeting of the Executive Board of the CA Democratic Party. Our sources say the s--- will hit the fan, as E Board members may demand that CDP Chair Bill Press respond to *anonymous* allegations made about CDP Executive Director Susan Henderson and her personal spending in early 1995 using a CDP Mastercard. After the allegations surfaced, Press ordered an audit (now complete) and sources believe the audit will show more personal spending by Henderson with the CDP credit card during 1994. But as reported previously, Henderson has or is in the process of reimbursing the CDP. But that's only part of Henderson's trouble. The S.F.

Examiner (in a 5/24 story) checked out Henderson's resume and found some problem areas, including the fact that until March 1992 she was a registered GOPer. More next week. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● Newest members of the CA Coastal Commission are former Assemblyman Rusty Areias(D-Los Banos) and Agoura Hills Councilwoman Fran Pavley. The appointments were made by Senate PPT Bill Lockyer...

● Lt. Gov. Gray Davis has hired Dirk Brazil as policy director. Brazil had been with the controller's office as Deputy Controller...

● Long-time Braun Ketchum PR/PA executives Doug Jeffe and Christine Lewis have joined forces with Betsy Eaton to form a new PA/govt. relations, communications firm called Issues Management Network, 300 Corporate Pointe, Ste. 383, Culver City, CA 90230, ☎ (310)215-0234...

● Christine Kidwell has been hired by Sacto-based Cavalier & Associates as director of communications...

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